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AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS/4th Agriculture Aid Proposal (Dorgan)

SUBJECT: Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000 . . . S. 1233. Cochran motion to table the Dorgan amendment No. 1515 to the Lott (for Daschle) amendment No. 1499, as amended.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 55-44

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1233, the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, will provide \$60.710 billion in new budget authority (of which \$13.98 billion will be discretionary budget authority, which is the amount provided in fiscal year 1999) for fiscal year 2000. Loan authorizations will total \$9.650 billion.

The Lott (for Daschle) amendment, as amended by voice vote by the Cochran modified amendment, would provide \$7.6 billion in emergency agricultural assistance. The amendment would enact the provisions of an earlier Cochran amendment which was withdrawn after a motion to table failed (see vote No. 249), with the addition of \$400 million to assist agricultural producers in purchasing more insurance coverage for the 2000 crop year.

The Dorgan amendment would enact a modified version of the Daschle amendment which was earlier rejected by the Senate (see vote No. 250). It would make adjustments in several of the aid proposals in the Daschle amendment in order to lower the total amount of aid given (as estimated by the amendment's sponsor) to \$9.837 billion. That amount is approximately \$1 billion less than was proposed in the Daschle amendment.

Debate was limited by unanimous consent. After debate, Senator Cochran moved to table the Dorgan amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

Those favoring the motion to table contended:

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YEAS (55)			NAYS (44)			NOT VOTING (1)	
Republicans (53 or 98%)	Democrats (2 or 4%)		Republicans (1 or 2%)	Democrats (43 or 96%)		Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Feingold	Burns	Akaka	Kerrey	Crapo- ²	
Allard	Inhofe	Graham		Baucus	Kerry		
Ashcroft	Jeffords			Bayh	Kohl		
Bennett	Kyl			Biden	Landrieu		
Bond	Lott			Bingaman	Lautenberg		
Brownback	Lugar			Boxer	Leahy		
Bunning	Mack			Breaux	Levin		
Campbell	McCain			Bryan	Lieberman		
Chafee	McConnell			Byrd	Lincoln		
Cochran	Murkowski			Cleland	Mikulski		
Collins	Nickles			Conrad	Moynihan		
Coverdell	Roberts			Daschle	Murray		
Craig	Roth			Dodd	Reed		
DeWine	Santorum			Dorgan	Reid		
Domenici	Sessions			Durbin	Robb		
Enzi	Shelby			Edwards	Rockefeller		
Fitzgerald	Smith, Bob (I)			Feinstein	Sarbanes		
Frist	Smith, Gordon			Harkin	Schumer		
Gorton	Snowe			Hollings	Torricelli		
Gramm	Specter			Inouye	Wellstone		
Grams	Stevens			Johnson	Wyden		
Grassley	Thomas			Kennedy			
Gregg	Thompson						
Hagel	Thurmond						
Hatch	Voinovich						
Helms	Warner						
Hutchinson							

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

This amendment, for all intents and purposes, is the same as the Daschle amendment, except that it would provide slightly less aid. Senators should reject this amendment for all of the reasons they rejected the earlier Daschle amendment.

Those opposing the motion to table contended:

Senators Dorgan, Harkin, Conrad, Daschle, Johnson, and others joined together to try to come up with a fair compromise between the Cochran amendment, which the Senate failed to table, and the Daschle amendment, which was tabled. The result of that effort is this amendment, which we believe is eminently reasonable. This amendment would provide funding in the same manner and through the same programs as the earlier Daschle amendment. However, it would provide about \$1 billion less. Unlike the Cochran amendment, which would provide funds through the untargeted mechanism of Agriculture Market Transition Act (AMTA) payments, this amendment would give the bulk of its assistance through loan deficiency payments and through disaster assistance programs. We urge Senators to vote for this fair compromise.